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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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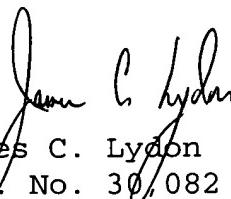
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels claims 1-10, adds new claims 11-18 and presents a new abstract. The new claims are based on amended PCT claims 1-8. The new Abstract is based on the PCT Abstract. Claims 11-18 are pending.

An Information Disclosure Statement and a Recordation Form Cover Sheet are attached.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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Substitute Abstract
Information Disclosure Statement
Recordation Form Cover Sheet